

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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DUMPING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken any steps to provide adequate remunerative price to the agricultural farmers for their products like natural rubber, coconut, arecanut in view of the new Exim Policy 2000-2001;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have taken any steps to avert the dumping of agricultural products from abroad; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b): Under the current Exim Policy, import of natural rubber is in the Restricted List and is permitted only against Advance Licence / Special Import Licence except from SAARC countries. The import under Advance Licence Scheme has also been banned w.e.f. 20.2.1999. The export of natural rubber is free under the current Exim Policy.

As per the existing Exim Policy, Copra, Coconut and its products are canalized through State Trading Corporation (STC) and Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation (HVOC).

The import of Arecanut has been allowed against Special Import Licence in the current Exim Policy and its import is free from SAARC countries.

(c) & (d): The Government constantly monitors import of individual agricultural products. Since the import of the above items is insignificant, the question of dumping does not arise.